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July 20, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. 
Acting Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **BEACH WATER QUALITY**

On May 30, 2006, your Board approved a motion by Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe instructing me, along with the Directors of Health Services, Public Works, and Beaches and Harbor in conjunction with County Beach Commission, County Beach Lifeguards, beach cities' representatives and environmental groups including Heal the Bay, to report on recommendations for improving the evaluation and communication of beach health risk factors to the public and report back in 30 days.

This is an update since my July 7, 2006, status report. On July 18, staff from Public Health and Public Works met with a representative of the City of Malibu and County Counsel to discuss specific details of an approach to the beach water issues of the north Santa Monica Bay. We need additional time to complete our plan and response. We will provide a complete report by July 31, 2006.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need more information, please let me know.

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